# Icy winds freeze one to death in Azad Kashmir

By Tariq Naqash

MUZAFFARABAD: Recent heavy rains and snowfall caused one death and damaged private property in various parts of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, a disaster management official said on Sunday.

Director of Operations, Saeed Qureshi, at the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), said the death occurred in the Malot area of Bagh district on the night between Thursday and Friday.

He said the victim, who worked in Rawalpindi, had travelled to his home in Bagh but, after alighting from a public transport vehicle on the main road, was unable to find onward transport to his village. "The icy winds froze him to death," Mr Qureshi said, adding that the body was found the following morning.

On property losses, he said a total of 29 houses were damaged in Neelum, Jhelum Valley and Bagh districts, of which 11 were completely destroyed and 18 partially damaged.

In addition, two shops, two livestock animals and a vehicle were damaged, while a guest house, a madrassa, a cattle shed and a marriage hall were also affected.

Due to heavy snowfall, several link roads were closed in different areas of Muzaffarabad, Neelum, Jhelum Valley, Bagh, Poonch, Sudhnoti and Haveli districts.

While roads had been restored at some places, caution was required while travelling due to slippery conditions, he said.

Mr Qureshi said that under the supervision of the SDMA, the Highways Department and district administrations had deployed heavy machinery to restore roads and were continuously monitoring the situation, adding that the remaining roads were expected to be reopened soon.

# Police intensify search for girl's killer

RAWALPINDI: Police are searching for the killer of a teenage girl whose body was found near her house in Ratta Amral on Friday.

The girl went missing after leaving her house to buy some snacks from a nearby shop on Thursday. The next morning, her body was found wrapped in a sheet of cloth about 300 metres from her house.

In addition to the district police, the Crime Control Department has also joined the investigation to trace the culprit.

According to initial medical examination report, there was a wound on her neck and no other torture marks was found on her body, the police said they cannot rule out the possibility that the girl was subjected to rape before being murdered. However, the final medical report is yet to be received.

Ali Riaz, the victim's brother, who is a labourer, approached the police on Friday and registered a kidnapping case against unknown suspects.

In the FIR, Riaz said his sister left her house at about 9pm on Thursday after telling her mother she was going to a nearby shop.

He said when he came home late at night, he came to know that his sister was missing and he started searching for her but found no clue of her.

A police official said after receiving the complaint, an FIR was registered and investigation launched. He said the next morning her body was found wrapped in a sheet of cloth lying close to the compound wall of the railway park.

The official said police were investigating some suspects and also questioning local residents.

The investigating team has also obtained CCTV footage and carried out screening of some houses located in the neighbourhood of the girl's house. She often used to play in the streets, police quoted local residents as saying.

A police spokesman said senior officers also visited the crime scene. — Mohammad Asghar

# IWMB seeks layout plan for proposed cricket stadium near Margalla Hills

## Letter questions whether proposed site falls within or overlaps notified boundaries of national park

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB) has asked the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to share with it the layout plan of the proposed cricket stadium, which the latter plans to construct at the foothills of Margalla Hills National Park.

The CDA recently called tenders for the proposed cricket stadium near D-12, which prompted the IWMB to get a clarification about the site.

"Yes, recently we received a letter from IWMB and we are responding them," said an official of the CDA environment wing.

The IWMB's letter stated: "With reference to the advertisement issued by CDA inviting e-bids for the construction of cricket stadium near sector D-12 Islamabad, under EPC mode, this office seeks clarification regarding the exact location and layout plan of the proposed project site."

It added, "Whether the proposed site falls within, abuts, or otherwise overlaps the notified boundaries of Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) or any area falling within 100-meter buffer zone declared as protected area under the Islamabad Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management Act, 2024."

The letter also explained section 14 of the Act, which says: "An area falling within 100 meters outside the boundary of a National Park or a wildlife sanctuary shall be considered a protected area buffer zone, provided it is state land or acquired for this purpose."

"Development in buffer zone, including structures, roads, buildings, or any other infrastructure or facility, shall be designed and operated in such manner that disturbance to wildlife in National Park minimized."

According to the law, no development shall take place in a buffer zone unless a no-objection certificate (NOC) is obtained from the board prior to commencement of development.

"The requested clarification is essential to ensure compliance with the applicable environment, wildlife protection, and land-use regulations, prior to any further consideration and processing at IWMB end. In this regard, provision of a location map and layout plan of the proposed cricket stadium would be appreciated. Your timely response in this matter will greatly assist in ensuring the preservation of the natural habitat and protected area of Islamabad, particularly Margalla Hills National Park," the letter concluded.

The CDA, in collaboration with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), wants to construct the stadium in a proposed Olympic Village to be set up in 175 acres in that area. However, it is not clear whether or not the CDA, which is providing land for the project, will also bear the construction cost of the stadium.

In the past, after getting land from the CDA, the PCB had started construction of a stadium in Shakarparian, but the project was shelved on the direction of the Supreme Court.

CDA officials said the area near D-12 does not fall in the national park, but is located in Zone III. They said Zone III permits the construction of recreational facilities like a cricket stadium as such activities fall under the permissible land use category for recreation purposes.

Asked about the construction of hotels and commercial areas and other allied facilities, the officials said a stadium and allied facilities attached with it can be constructed in the area, adding if a need arises, permission will be granted by the federal government for commercial activities in the area.

Sources said as per clause 4(3)(b) of the ICT Zoning Regulations 1992, no change in land use within Zone-III was permissible except project related to recreation, conservation and preservation. The officials said the cricket stadium project falls in the category of recreation.

In recent CDA meetings, it was stated that the proposed stadium will have an open view of the Margallas and a seating capacity of around 32,000 with a parking facility for 10,000 cars around one kilometre away from the stadium for the general public.

The CDA and PCB want to replicate the Dubai cricket stadium model in the project. The PC-1 worth Rs12 billion has already been approved by the CDA. Sources said after the revision of the concept design, the cost of the proposed project saw a decrease, to Rs8 billion.

It may be noted that the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium is currently the only facility for hosting international matches in the twin cities. However, residents of Rawalpindi and adjoining areas face severe traffic congestion and other issues during matches. The government has to arrange extensive security arrangements during movement of foreign cricket teams between Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

When contacted, a senior CDA officer said IWMB did not object to the construction of the stadium rather had sought a clarification.

# Alleged regulatory collapse in PMDC puts future of students at risk

## Registrar says allegations are being made as notifications of some private medical colleges pending with govt

By Ikram Junaidi

ISLAMABAD: Alarm bells are ringing over the functioning of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), with internal documents and correspondence revealing a disturbing pattern of alleged irregularities, biased decision-making, and potential power misuse in the inspection, recognition, and admission processes of medical and dental colleges nationwide.

However, PMDC Registrar Dr Rehan Naqvi, while talking to *Dawn*, said the allegations were being made as notifications of some medical and dental colleges were pending with the government.

According to available record, at least 15 medical and dental colleges were provisionally recognised in 2019-20. In 2023, inspections of only a limited number of these institutions were carried out, while the remaining cases were referred to the ministry and subsequently to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA).

However, it is learnt that the interim and final FIA reports were never placed before the Council nor made public, giving rise to serious concerns about transparency.

Even after the PMDC's executive committee decided in November 2024 that the remaining institutions would be inspected after completion of codal formalities, several colleges are still left in uncertainty, while some appear to be moving forward without clear justification.

The documents further reveal that some colleges continue to admit students without the issuance of mandatory recognition notification under Section 21 of the PMDC Act.

According to officials, familiar with the matter, these alleged irregularities were well within the knowledge of the inspection department and the registrar office.

"Instead of initiating transparent inquiries to fix responsibility, attempts were made to quietly remove names of certain colleges from official lists. Such actions, rather than resolving the problem, have only deepened concerns about governance, accountability and possible attempts to cover up regulatory failures," the officials said.

Further questions have arisen after a letter written in July 2025 by the vice-chancellor of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) to the PMDC president highlighting unusual and troubling conduct of the Council's own legal representation in court cases relating to admissions to private colleges.

According to the VC's letter, available with *Dawn*, statements made on behalf of PMDC in court created serious difficulties for public sector institutions, effectively benefiting certain private colleges.

In another case that has drawn widespread attention, a medical college was reportedly allowed to register 150 students and was removed from the 'stop intake' list despite the fact that no fresh inspection had been conducted under the PMDC Act 2023. The documents indicate that the decision was taken on the written directions from PMDC.

"The most disturbing aspect of this entire situation is the silence of the Ministry of National Health Services. Why has the ministry closed its eyes to such massive and repeated illegalities, and why is the future of thousands of students being placed at risk for the apparent benefit of a few private interests? This continued inaction and indifference is fast turning a regulatory failure into a full-blown national crisis in medical education," said an official of PMDC on condition of anonymity.

When contacted for comments, PMDC Registrar Dr Rehan Naqvi confirmed to Dawn that there was an issue of 15 medical colleges which were provisionally recognised.

"However, some of the colleges have got them cleared and others have obtained stay orders from the courts. There are just a few colleges which have been functioning without licences. Fact is that their notifications are pending as, according to new rules, now notifications are issued by the federal government after getting nod of the federal cabinet," he said.

Dr Naqvi said there were some colleges which had admitted students for the last one year and some for the last two and even three years without having licences. However, he hoped that the issue would be addressed soon.

According to Health Ministry Spokesperson Sajid Shah, PMDC is an independent regulatory body.

"The ministry usually doesn't interfere in its functioning, unless some concerning issue comes in the knowledge or formal complaint is lodged," he said.

# Asaan Khidmat Centre — one roof, many solutions

ISLAMABAD: Citizens are welcoming a rare and refreshing change in public service delivery with the launch of the Pakistan Asaan Khidmat Centre (PAKC), a one-stop facility offering more than 60 services under a single roof in the Mauve Area of G-9 sector.

While people are pleased with the state-of-the-art facility, familiar concerns are also being voiced about whether these high standards can be sustained in the long run.

Visitors have clear reasons for their enthusiasm, as the centre provides over 60 services, including passport, Nadra, domicile, apostille (Foreign Office services such as verification of educational documents), marriage, birth and death certificates, police services, CDA and MCI services, as well as various utility-related services.

The majority of service providers are physically available at dedicated counters, while some departments, including SNGPL and Iesco, are offering digital services through designated screens.

However, visitors also expressed apprehension about continuity, noting that in the past many departments started with efficient service delivery but saw a decline over time.

The federal government, through the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication, with the support of Azerbaijan, has set up the PAKC in the erstwhile Pakistan Public Works Department building in Sector G-9. The centre is a replica of Azerbaijan's "ASAN Xidm t".

Baku financed the PAKC, which has been established in one of the building's blocks renovated and overhauled by the Capital Development Authority (CDA).

The National Information Technology Board (NITB), a subsidiary of the Ministry of Information Technology, is operating the centre daily from 8am to 8pm.

Upon entering the building, visitors are greeted by well-trained and courteous staff, creating a positive first impression. Reception staff guide citizens with a welcoming attitude, while volunteers are available across all four floors to assist people in resolving their issues.

"We have over 60 services in this building, and the feedback from people is very encouraging. We have a proper system of checks, balances and monitoring to ensure quality service delivery," said PAKC Director Muhammad Naeem Ibrahim.

ASAAN Khidmat Centre set up in the erstwhile PWD building in G-9 sector. — Photo by Mohammad Asim

He said footfall has been increasing steadily.

"This centre was opened just last week, and footfall is rising day by day. We are now receiving around 700 visitors daily.

"Services are being provided through a more convenient, friendly and less time-consuming system," he said, adding that more services would be introduced in the coming days.

In addition to other facilities, the PAKC offers two unique services, a daycare centre for visitors' children under the supervision of a trained maid and a well-decorated marriage hall where couples and their families can wait comfortably while documents are processed.

Dr Manzoor Ahmad, former Pakistan ambassador to the WTO and FOA's representative to the UN, while availing a digital service, told Dawn that he was satisfied so far but cautioned that maintaining service standards would require utmost care.

"I feel very happy here. This centre is offering very good services," said Nasir Butt, a citizen who visited the centre for passport renewal.

Another visitor, Mohammad Israr, said he had seen similar facilities in developed countries. "I am surprised and happy to see such good services here," he said.

Tariq Chohan, another citizen, said it was too early to make a definitive judgment as the centre was new.

"At the moment this facility is excellent, but the government must ensure the same level of service in the future. Continuity matters," he said, recalling past initiatives that started strongly but lost momentum over time.

Visitors Dawn spoke to described the centre as a valuable addition to effective public institutions such as Nadra, the Motorway Police and the Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology (RIC).

They expressed hope that service standards would not decline and appreciated Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for launching the facility in Islamabad, saying that maintaining quality service would be the real test for the concerned departments. — Kashif Abbasi


**BEFORE: MR.MUHAMMAD AHSAN KHAN DURRANI (JUDGE)**
**IN THE BANKING COURT-IV, AT KARACHI**
Block-48/A, Pakistan Secretariat, Saddar, Karachi

Execution No.23 of 2025

(Suit No. 29 OF 2024)

ASKARI BANK LIMITED.....DECREE HOLDER
Versus
GHULAM MUHAMMAD RIZVI S/O LATEEF HUSSAIN RIZVI, MUSLIM, ADULT, RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. CC-66/A, BLOCK-3 MARIYA APARTMENT SECTOR 14-B SHADMAN-II NORTH NAZIMABAD TOWN, KARACHI AND FLAT NO. A-122, SAGHIR, CENTER BLOCK-16 F.B. AREA, KARACHI AND FLAT NO. 97-A, SAGHIR CENTER, BLOCK-16 F.B. AREA, KARACHI. **BUSINESS ADDRESS: APNA MICRO FINANCE BANK**, BRANCH MANAGER PAPER MARKET BRANCH SHAHRAH-E-LIAQUAT KARACHI.....JUDGMENT DEBTOR

To, The above-named Judgemt Debtor

WHEREAS the accompanying application Under Section 51(e) read with Section 151 CPC has been filed by learned advocate for the **GHULAM MUHAMMAD RIZVI S/O LATEEF HUSSAIN RIZVI,** holding **CNIC No. 42101-4738769-9** before this Court in the above matter.

AND WHEREAS after hearing the said application this Court has been please to order for issuance of notice. You are hereby directed to appear before this Court on **02-03-2026 at 9:00 AM** in person or through your pleader to flie objections on the said application; otherwise the matter would be decided in your absence in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on **22-01-2026**

**BY ORDER**
**READER,**
**BANKING COURT NO. IV KARACHI**



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN**
**(APPELLATE JURISDICTION)**
**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 09-K OF 2021**
**OUT OF**
**CRIMINAL PETITION NO 207-K/2020**

THE STATE/ANF ..... Appellant
Versus
Shakeel Ahmed Chaudhry & Ors ..... Respondents

## BAILABLE WARRANTS

To,

The D.G.
(ANF) Karachi.

WHEREAS, the above-cited Criminal Appeal came up for hearing before the Supreme Court of Pakistan at Karachi on 21-12-2023, and it was ordered that bailable warrants of arrest be issued against respondents namely (1) Shakeel Ahmed S/o Chaudhry Muhammad Hanif, R/o Islam Garah, Mirpur Azad Kashmir & House No.12, Upper Rushton Road, Bradford West Yorkshire England U.K. (2) Jehangir Shehzad S/o Muhammad Taj Janjua R/o Bhangal, Kalar Syedan Tehsil Kahota, District Rawalpindi & House No.1, Chasewick close B IV 64 NL Coverntryt, England U.K. & (3) Shahid Mubarak S/o Mubarak Hussain Janjua, R/o Dhok Bhangial, Kalar Syedan Tehsil Kahoota District Rawalpindi, in the sum of Rs.500,000/- (Rupees Five Lac only), with one surety in the like amount returnable to the Deputy Registrar of this Court at Karachi for his appearance before this Court in each for their appearance before this Court.

Accordingly, you are, hereby directed to cause the appearance of (1) Shakeel Ahmed Chaudhry S/o Chaudhry Muhammad Hanif (2) Jehangir Shehzad S/o Muhammad Taj Janjua & (3) Shahid Mubarak S/o Mubarak Hussain Janjua, before the Supreme Court of Pakistan, M.R. Kiyani Road, Karachi on the next date of hearing.

Karachi, the 27th December, 2023

(RAHILA MEMON)
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT
FOR OFFICER INCHARGE

PID(K)2545-25



**BEFORE: MR.MUHAMMAD AHSAN KHAN DURRANI (JUDGE)**
**IN THE BANKING COURT-IV, AT KARACHI**
Block-48/A, Pakistan Secretariat, Saddar, Karachi

Execution No.08 of 2025

(Suit No. 43 OF 2023)

ASKARI BANK LIMITED.....DECREE HOLDER
Versus
SEEMI AMIR D/O AMIR PERVEZ, RESIDENT OF FLAT NO. V-1/1, 1ST FLOOR COUNTRY CLUB APARTMENTS PHASE V, DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY KARACHI. **AND** LONDON CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL, E-14/1, BLOCK 04, ABUL HASSAN ASPHANI ROAD, GALSHANE-E-IQBAL NEAR JS BANK KARACHI **AND** HOUSE NO. X-3 STREET NO. 18, PHASE 1 DEFENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY, KARACHI. **AND** NOMAN VIEW HOUSE NO. D-3 METROVILE NO. 03, SCHEME, GULSHAN-E-IQBAL, ABUL HASSAN ISPHANI ROAD, KARACHI.....JUDGMENT DEBTOR

To, The above-named Judgemt Debtor

WHEREAS the accompanying application Under Section 51(e) read with Section 151 CPC has been filed by learned advocate for the **SEEMI AMIR D/O AMIR PERVEZ,** holding **CNIC No.42501-1484202-0** before this Court in the above matter.

AND WHEREAS after hearing the said application this Court has been please to order for issuance of notice. You are hereby directed to appear before this Court on **02-03-2026 at 9:00 AM** in person or through your pleader to flie objections on the said application; otherwise the matter would be decided in your absence in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on **22-01-2026**

**BY ORDER**
**READER,**
**BANKING COURT NO. IV KARACHI**



**BEFORE: MR.MUHAMMAD AHSAN KHAN DURRANI (JUDGE)**
**IN THE BANKING COURT-IV, AT KARACHI**
Block-48/A, Pakistan Secretariat, Saddar, Karachi

Execution No.04 of 2025

(Suit No. 24 OF 2024)

ASKARI BANK LIMITED.....DECREE HOLDER
Versus
AIJAZ ALI S/O IRSHAD ALI, CNIC NO. 42301-2389947-9 RESIDENCE OF FLAT NO. C11, BOAT VIEW APARTMENT, BLOCK 5 CLIFTON, KARACHI.....JUDGMENT DEBTOR

To, The above-named Judgemt Debtor

WHEREAS the accompanying application Under Section 51(e) read with Section 151 CPC has been filed by learned advocate for the **AIJAZ ALI S/O IRSHAD ALI,** holding **CNIC No.42301-2389947-9** before this Court in the above matter.

AND WHEREAS after hearing the said application this Court has been please to order for issuance of notice. You are hereby directed to appear before this Court on **02-03-2026 at 9:00 AM** in person or through your pleader to flie objections on the said application; otherwise the matter would be decided in your absence in accordance with law.

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## ADDENDUM

Reference job advertisement dated **22-01-2026** published in **Dawn, Jang, and Awami Awaz.**

The eligibility criteria for the position of **"Controller of Examinations"** may be read as "18-year master's degree with a minimum of 17 years of experience in BPS-17 and above or equivalent, including a minimum of five years of demonstrated experience in the examination systems of universities, and sound knowledge of the rules, regulations, and legal frameworks governing both annual and semester examination systems."

**NOTE: The last date to apply against the "Controller of Examinations" position is 4th February 2026.**

**All other contents of the advertisement would remain the same.**

THE REGISTRAR
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## NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, the following NIT's are hereby cancelled:

NIT No. 240 dated 29.09.2025 and NIT No. 241 dated 29.09.2025

However, items at Serial No. 01 & 02 of NIT No. 241 dated 29.09.2025 shall remain valid.

It is further notified that the cancelled works shall be re-invited shortly through the E-PAD (E-Procurement) system, as per prevailing rules.

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